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District Man Given Three-Year Prison Term in Stabbing Assault on Elkridge Man

A District of Columbia man has pleaded guilty to the stabbing of an Elkridge man last summer. Robert Lee Hager, 29, of the 1900 block of 18th St., SE, pleaded guilty to 2nd-degree assault in Howard County Circuit Court on Tuesday (February 7).

Shortly after 8 a.m. on August 15, 2016, police responded to the 6800 block of Waterloo Road where they located the victim, Robert William Griffin, 28, suffering from a single stab wound to his upper chest. He was transported to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center and subsequently recovered.

Griffin had been contacted by Hager's girlfriend about a missing motorbike and he agreed to meet the woman and Hager on a parking lot on Waterloo Road where the two men argued. Assistant State's Attorney Danielle Duclaux told the court that Hager pulled out a folding knife and stabbed Griffin before departing the scene with his girlfriend and two other men.

Hager, through his attorney, contended that he felt threatened by Griffin but Judge Mary M. Kramer admonished him for resolving the conflict with a knife. She sentenced him to 10 years in prison, suspending all but three years, placed him on two years of supervised probation upon release and ordered him to pay \$6,450 in restitution to Griffin.